

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Roland DE LA METTRIE et al.) Prior Application:
Application No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: 1751
(Continuation Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) Examiner: M. Einsmann
of Application No. 09/319,165))
Filed: August 22, 2003)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This request for a continuation application of App. No. 09/319,165 is timely in that it is being filed within two months from the mailing date of the Board's final decision in Application No. 09/319,165 (Appeal No. 2003-0615), dated June 26, 2003.

Please amend the specification as set below forth prior to examination on the merits.

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